GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Nehru Yuva Kendras
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes and activities organized/ conducted under the Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) in the country;
(b) whether a large number of posts in NYKs at State and district level are lying vacant across the country;
(c) if so, the details thereof, State/District-wise including Chhattisgarh;
(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill the said vacant posts; and
(e) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make these NYKs more effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a): Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) is one of the largest youth organisations in the world, with about 8.7 million youth enrolled through about 3.04 lakhs youth clubs. In order to mobilize, motivate and organize the youth and enhance their capacities to develop democratic institutional mechanism in the form of Youth Clubs, empower them to become productive and responsible citizens, assume local leadership to act as active partner in the process of community development and nation building activities with the spirit of volunteerism, following three broad categories of programmes and activities are conducted by NYKS:
I. Core Programmes:
Funded by the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through annual budget. These activities are common to all NYKs in the country.
NYKS every year undertakes following set of programmes for youth club development, awareness and education, capacity enhancement, promotion of spirit of sportsmanship, promoting folk art and culture, skill up-gradation and programmes for promotion of national unity:
1. Youth Club Development Programme
2. Training on Youth Leadership and Community Development
3. Promotion of Sports
a. Sports material to Youth Clubs
b. Block level Sports Meet
c. District level Sports Meet
4. Skill Up-gradation Training Programme
5. District Level Promotion of Folk, Art & Culture and Yuva Kriti
6. Observance of Days of National Importance and National Youth Day & Week
7. District Youth Convention
8. Mahatma Gandhi Yuva Swachhta Abhiyan evam Shramadaan Karyakaram
9. Yuva Adarsh Gram Vikas Karyakaram
10. Awards to Outstanding Youth Club at District, State and National levels.
II. Schemes of the Department of Youth Affairs:
Following Schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India are implemented by NYKS for promoting national integration, personality & life skills development, volunteerism, leadership development & enhance capacities to deliberate on local contemporary issues confronting them and evolve probable actions for the solutions.

S National Youth Corps Scheme
S National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development
a) National Integration Camps
b) Adventure Programmes
c) Life Skill Training for Adolescent
S National Young Leaders Programme:
a) Neighborhood Youth Parliament at Block & Village level
b) Youth for Development Programme (IEC: Media & Publicity Campaign and Awards to best 02 Youth Clubs at block level for Shramadaan.

III. Projects with the support of various Ministries and Agencies:

In order to provide more programmes and activities for the development and empowerment of youth, NYKS has been taking up projects in convergence with various Ministries, United Nations organizations and agencies. This in a way is assisting other Ministries and Departments to utilize the vast outreach of NYKS and offer an opportunity to the youth to participate and undertake development activities. Following are the projects which NYKS is implementing:

a) Tribal Youth Exchange Programme with the support of MHA
b) Namami Gange with the support of National Mission for clean Ganga, Ministry of Water Resources and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India.
Swachhta Abhiyan in 09 Urban Local Bodies with the support of Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.

(b)& (c): State-wise/ District-wise details of vacancies in Nehru Yuva Kendras are at Annexure-I.

(d): Most of the vacant posts have lapsed, since the vacancies have been there for over one year. In such cases, the matter has been taken up with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure for revival of the posts. In case of vacancies arising during last one year, where vacant posts had not lapsed, process for filling up of the posts has been initiated. Meanwhile, the work is handled by taking some officers on deputation as also through posting of UNV-DYCs under a Project jointly being implemented with UNV/ UNDP. It has also been decided to explore the possibility of taking some retired NYKS officers on re-employment and also to obtain the services of officials on outsourcing basis, till the vacant posts are filled up on regular basis.

(e): The Programmes of NYKS are being constantly reviewed and revised based on feedback from field officials and in tune with the changing circumstances. There is serious effort to see that NYKS continues to play an important role in effective implementation of the flagship programmes of the Government through creating awareness and youth mobilisation. In this context, NYKS has been effective coordinating its activities with various development Ministries/ Departments. To make the District Nehru Yuva Kendras IT-savvy, sanction for purchase of Computers and Laptops has been accorded.

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